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1. On 10 November 1950, many VP personnel were observed in the barracks installation on Alsenstrasse and in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, Prenzlau. Six units, each of about 30 unarmed police wearing blue uniforms, were seen drilling at the airfield during the noon hour. The drill procedure was very similar to that used with recruits.
2. It was learned on 9 December that all VP personnel of the Prenzlau school were promoted, effective 1 November; 30 percent to the rank of Kommissar, 40 percent to the rank of VP Meister and the remainder to the rank of VP Hauptwachtmeister.
3. All graduates of the VP school were replaced by enlisted personnel at the end of November. The exchange of personnel was made only at night, the police being transported in convoys of 20 to 30 trucks. The school graduates were allegedly reassigned to various VP posts, among which Erfurt was mentioned. *
4. VP Inspekteur Schielke (fnu), the former commandant of the Prenzlau VP school, was transferred to Brandenburg. He was succeeded by VP Inspekteur Paul Markgraf from Berlin. **

5. On 11 December, the Alsen Kaserne quartered about 700 police, less than were quartered there previously.* The personnel were restricted to quarters. At about 5 p.m., a unit of about 150 police wearing fatigues moved into the installation, coming from the direction of the airfield. The unit allegedly belonged to an NCO school. Seventy percent of its personnel were VP Hauptwachtmeisters and VP Oberwachtmeisters. Police vehicles at the Alsen Kaserne included trucks and passenger car

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6. The Fliegerhorst Kaserne quartered about 500 police officer candidates on 11 December, apparently less than stationed there previously. * Police command car and trucks were at the installation. About 150 police were engaged in infantry training at the airfield.

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- 25X1 7. Police vehicles seen in Prenzlau on 11 December included passenger cars [redacted] ambulance [redacted] 25X1
 25X1 command car [redacted] trucks [redacted] 25X1
 and Seepolizei (Sea Police) truck [redacted] 25X1

8. A large VP unit from Prenzlau arrived in Vohdenick in mid-December to help repair a break in the Havel River levee.

- 25X1 * [redacted] Comment. Unlike the HVA units at other VP posts, such as Weissenfels, the 3rd VP Bereitschaft (Inf) in the barracks installa- 25X1
 tion on Altonstrasse and the VP infantry school in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne seemed to have again been brought up to about 60 percent of their previous strength about the end of November. [redacted]

- 25X1 ** [redacted] Comment: Markgraf's appointment as commandant of the new Prenzlau Bereitschaft has been confirmed by a usually reliable source.

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